

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY

Regular Minutes
April 20, 2009

At 7:18 p.m. Mayor Elbassiouny introduced members of Girl Scout Troop 4885 who were present at the meeting to observe and ask questions on the various procedures to get a seat on the Township Committee and how the municipality functions. Mayor Elbassiouny presented a Proclamation Honoring Girl Scouts to the Troop.

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The regular meeting of the Township Committee was held this date at the Washington Township Municipal Building, 211 Route 31 North, Washington, N.J. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Samir Elbassiouny. Michael Lavery, Township Attorney, Peter de Boer, Acting Administrator/Certified Public Works Manager and Mary Ann O'Neil, Township Clerk, Dave Evans and John Mooney, Auditors and Barbara Emery, CFO were also present.

SUNSHINE LAW COMPLIANCE - The Mayor noted that this meeting was being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Law of 1975 in as much as a notice had been published in the Star Gazette, transmitted to the Express Times and posted at the municipal building and a copy is on file in the Clerks Office. This agenda is subject to change by the order of the Washington Township Committee and/or during the scheduled meeting.

ROLL CALL: Elbassiouny, present; Horensky, present; Kovacs, present; Mueller, present; Strunk, present.

SALUTE TO FLAG

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Elbassiouny read a proclamation in Support of the Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault Center of Warren County.

Mayor Elbassiouny read a proclamation Supporting the Community Action Partnership.

Mayor Elbassiouny read a proclamation for Relay for Life Celebration of Life/ American Cancer Society.

INTRODUCTION TO THE BUDGET

Dave Evans, Auditor, advised that after much deliberation, the Committee has put together the budget in compliance with Expenditure CAP Law and Tax Levy Law and there will be a modest increase of less than \$4.00 a month to the taxpayer. The budget will be introduced this evening and the public hearing will be held Tuesday, May 19, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Horensky made a motion to approve the Budget Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2009, Kovacs seconded. All were in favor.

Kovacs made a motion to approve the Budget Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2009, Mueller seconded. All were in favor, except Strunk, who abstained.

Horensky made a motion to approve the Executive Session Minutes of February 14, 2009, Kovacs seconded. All were in favor, except Strunk, who abstained.

Kovacs made a motion to approve the Regular Minutes of February 17, 2009, Mueller seconded. All were in favor, except Horensky, who abstained.

Kovacs made a motion to approve the Executive Session Minutes of February 17, 2009, Strunk seconded. All were in favor, except Horensky, who abstained.

Strunk made a motion to approve the Budget Meeting of February 28, 2009, Mueller seconded, All were in favor.

Horensky made a motion to approve the Executive Session Minutes of February 28, 2009, Kovacs seconded. All were in favor.

BUDGET INFORMATION

Kovacs made a motion to approve Resolution 09-54, Self Examination of Budget Resolution, Horensky seconded.

ROLL CALL: Kovacs, yes; Horensky, yes; Mueller, yes; Strunk, yes; Elbassiouny, yes.

Horensky made a motion to introduce Ordinance 09-11, Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank on first reading, Kovacs seconded..

ROLL CALL: Horensky, yes; Kovacs, yes; Mueller, yes; Strunk, yes; Elbassiouny, yes.

Public Hearing and Second Reading will be May 19, 2009.

Kovacs made a motion to approve Resolution 09-49, Introduction of the 2009 Budget, Horensky seconded.

ROLL CALL: Kovacs, yes; Horensky, yes; Mueller, yes; Strunk, yes; Elbassiouny, yes.

ORDINANCES

Horensky made a motion to open, to the public, Ordinance 09-06 - Ordinance Amending, Revising and Supplementing Chapter 23 of the Code of the Township of Washington, Entitled "Officers and Employees," Article IX Entitled "Assistant Municipal Superintendent of Public Works, Kovacs seconded. All were in favor. Nobody from the public wished to be heard. Horensky made a motion to close the public hearing, Kovacs seconded. All were in favor. Kovacs made a motion to adopt Ordinance 09-06, after public hearing and second reading, Horensky seconded,

ROLL CALL: Kovacs, yes; Horensky, yes; Mueller, yes; Strunk, yes; Elbassiouny, yes.

Horensky made a motion to open, to the public, Ordinance 09-07 - Ordinance to Amend an Ordinance Fixing the Salaries of the Officers and Employees of the Township of Washington, County of Warren and State of New Jersey, #2009-01 (Assistant Municipal Superintendent of Public Works), Mueller seconded. All were in favor. Nobody from the public wished to be heard. Horensky made a motion to close the public hearing, Kovacs seconded. All were in favor. Horensky made a motion to adopt Ordinance 09-07, after public hearing and second reading, Kovacs seconded.

ROLL CALL: Horensky, yes; Kovacs, yes; Mueller, yes; Strunk, yes; Elbassiouny, yes.

Mueller made a motion to open, to the public, Ordinance 09-08 Ordinance of the Township of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey to Amend, Revise & Supplement Chapter 58 of the Code of the Township of Washington to Regulate Donation Clothing Bins, Horensky seconded. Nobody from the public wished to be heard. Horensky made a motion to close the public hearing, Kovacs seconded. All were in favor. Kovacs made a motion to adopt Ordinance 09-08, after public hearing and second reading, Mueller seconded.

ROLL CALL: Kovacs, yes; Mueller, yes; Horensky, yes; Strunk, yes; Elbassiouny, yes.

Kovacs made a motion to open, to the public, Ordinance 09-09 Ordinance amending & Supplementing Chapter 71, "Fees", Section 71-1.1, Municipal Court Discovery, Subsection B(7) Duplication of video tapes, Horensky seconded. All were in favor. Nobody from the public wished to be heard. Mueller made a motion to close the public hearing, Kovacs seconded. All were in favor. Kovacs made a motion to adopt Ordinance 09-09, after public hearing and second reading, Mueller seconded.

Kovacs made a motion to introduce Ordinance 09-10, Ordinance of the Township of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, Amending and Supplementing Chapter 97 of the Township Code to adopt an Updated Recycling Ordinance, Mueller seconded.

ROLL CALL: Kovacs, yes; Mueller, yes; Horensky, yes; Strunk, yes; Elbassiouny, yes.

Public Hearing and Second Reading will be May 19, 2009.

RESOLUTIONS

Horensky made a motion to approve Resolution 09-50, Resolution to Authorize and Approve Salaries and Wages for Certain Employees, (Seasonal Employees) Strunk seconded.

ROLL CALL: Horensky, yes; Strunk, yes; Kovacs, yes; Mueller, yes; Elbassiouny, yes.

Horensky made a motion to approve Resolution 09-51, Resolution Authorizing the Issuances of Not Exceeding \$6,300,000 Bond Anticipation Notes of the Township of Washington, County of Warren, Kovacs seconded.

ROLL CALL: Horensky, yes; Kovacs, yes; Mueller, yes; Strunk, yes; Elbassiouny, yes.

Kovacs made a motion to approve Resolution 09-52, Resolution to adopt the PAIC Tort Claim, Horensky seconded.

ROLL CALL: Kovacs, yes; Horensky, yes; Mueller, yes; Strunk, yes; Elbassiouny, yes.

Horensky made a motion to approve Resolution 09-53, Release of Performance Bond for Martron, Inc., Kovacs seconded.

ROLL CALL: Horensky, Kovacs, yes; Mueller, yes; Strunk, yes; Elbassiouny, yes.

Kovacs made a motion to approve Resolution 09-55, Extend Temporary Budgets, Strunk seconded.

ROLL CALL: Kovacs, yes; Strunk, yes; Horensky, yes; Mueller, yes; Elbassiouny, yes.

The Mayor said the agenda will be changed. They will be taking New Business Item 5 at this time for discussion. The Mayor asked all parties involved to step forward. Those present were Thomas Bocko, Zoning Officer, Nevitt Duvencek, Project Engineer for Washington Township, Louis Cicalese, president of the Washington Cemetery Association and Michael Baratta, Manager of the Washington Cemetery.

Duveneck said he had been called to the cemetery site by Peter de Boer to look at the damage in the cemetery. There were major drainage problems. He looked at the site which had an extensive amount of storm water damage to the cemetery side of Cemetery Hill Road. The drains could not handle water and this was a very serious event and there had been much rain fall. An extreme amount of water came from the construction site where the cemetery is being expanded. There had been seven or eight acres of woods removed, which caused a total change in hydrology, which resulted in an increase in storm water down Cemetery Hill Road. It damaged the culvert and undercut the side of the road. There will be future problems if stabilization is not done, they would lose a lane. He attended a meeting with Soil Conservation, there is no storm water management for the site. The Township Ordinance states, if over an acre of wood is removed, storm water management must be done. This site was subject to site plan approval, which was not done, there is no expansion plan on this. They were subject to site plan approval and storm water management. Committeeman Barry Mueller stepped down at this point, because of a conflict with the issue.

Duveneck said a stop work order has been put on the project until approvals are done and storm water management is put in place. They need to make application for site plan approval and storm water management.

The Mayor asked if the cemetery board has guide lines. Duveneck said no, but they are subject to site plan approval. How they develop plots is not the concern of the board, only how it will impact the neighborhood. Lavery said they are not exempt from the ordinance, they are required to have site plan approval from Land Use Board and come before the Township Committee for approval. The seven-eight acres involved would require approval. They would have to go before the Land Use Board if they go beyond the original expansion, it is a problem. They need to Land Use Board approval and come before the Township Committee, who would give them permission to expand.

Bocko said in the fall of 2008 he had been contacted by a resident on the tree clearing. There is no ordinance on the books about cutting trees on private property. He contacted Soil Conservation, who looked at the property and said they did not need a plan at that time. Months later trees were down and they were working at the site. Soil Conservation came back and said an Erosion Plan should be submitted and approved. Just recently he was made aware of additional activity on the property, soil was removed. The ordinance states that if more than 20,000 square feet is removed, it is subject to a Soil Removal Permit. This is why the stop work order was put on property. The property needs to be stabilized

Baratta said he spoke with Bocko and the reason for the stop water order was because he thought they had done an expansion. Bocko said the problem needs to be addressed, it's a simple as that. Baratta said he has not seen the stop work order nor the letter. He understood the stop work order was placed on the site this morning. The Mayor asked him how he knew about the stop work order, he said one of the contractors told him. He was provided with a copy of stop work order that had been placed at site.

Cicalese said this has been a dedicated cemetery since 1800's. All they did was remove trees to accommodate additional burials. The word expansion should not have any part of this conversation. An expansion would be if they purchased additional lands. Lavery said when they were issued the stop work order, they should have provided some type of documentation to prove that. They should have provided it to Township Engineer or Zoning Officer. Cicalese said it is a Certificate of Authority from State Cemetery Board. Lavery said they only regulate so much. Then they should have documentation to do what they are doing. Cicalese said he has been in the cemetery business for 19 years and never has been a time that a Town has asked for a site plan for tree removal and that is what they are taking about, that is what a cemetery is here to do - bury the dead. If they do a mausoleum, it cannot be denied, it must comply with height and set back. Once a cemetery had a Certificate of Authority from State, it has a number of acres they can use for burials.

Strunk said the soil erosion is a problem now. Cicalese said they had the problem solved in 24 hours. There was a storm and they have taken precautions, everything is fine now and they are growing grass. The Mayor said, whatever happened, should not happen again. Horensky said, if one property owner has a problem, there has to be some remediation done. If they have caused damage, then they should look into repairing what was damaged.

Kovacs said, whether they had approval or not is irrelevant, because there is a problem there. When problems occur, there must be remediation. Cicalese said the isolated storm caused the erosion. It will not be a problem, the site plan will be filed. The Mayor suggested a meeting be set up with the Township Engineer. They can provide the documentation that supports their position and it will be reported to the Township Committee. The Mayor said, it has been a cemetery since the 1800's, no problem, now there is a problem. Strunk asked if the site has been stabilized. Cicalese said yes, stabilized and prepared for grass seed.

There was discussion on changing the Health Benefit Plan for Employees. Brian Sweat of Sweat and Walters distributed the information on the four alternate plans. There was a lengthy discussion on the pros and cons of each plan. Horensky said they should sure make sure the plan selected has the same providers as being used with the present plan. de Boer said he had distributed the plans to the DPW Department and there was no negative feed back. Horensky made a motion that the Township goes with Alternate 4 with AETNA, effective June 1, 2009 through May 31, 2010, Strunk seconded.

ROLL CALL: Horensky, yes; Strunk, yes; Kovacs, yes; Mueller, yes; Elbassiouny, yes.

STAFF ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

de Boer gave a presentation of the Police Report for January, February and March and the DPW Report for February and March.

de Boer said he has been involved over the last month with a sink hole issue in Pacesetter, which will be discussed in Executive Session .

Also, he had a conversation with Mr. Stern of Applied Water Management this Wednesday regarding the Wastewater Management Plan. The Mayor said the Township is required to do a Wastewater Management Plan for Township. This gentlemen called and said he can possibly provide the service at no cost to the Township. They will meet with him to discuss this. Possibly they will be applying for a grant.

de Boer said he has been in touch with the State Affirmative Action regarding the affirmative action short falls. They feel they are in good shape for a revisit. The State will be coming back to review the matter.

de Boer has met with the Washington Borough Manager twice, once alone and a joint meeting with the police departments.

He also attended a County Recycling Program.

There has been a major computer problem in the Code and Construction Office. The computer crashed, but they are trying to retrieve the stored information. Chris Rose, Construction Official reported that Sue Berger will be working over her 20 hours. She will be alone in the office as Diane will be on vacation, but will not exceed the 40 hours.

He is looking into getting rid of the inventory surplus, on line. He has also repeatedly called NORWESCAP and they never return his calls.

There is dirt in the yard at the Port Colden en School and he has had a request from one of the DPW workers to have the dirt. He was asking for permission to use the township equipment to load on to his truck. After discussion, Horensky made a motion that the DPW employee use township equipment, on his own time, to load the dirt on to their personal vehicle, Kovacs seconded.

ROLL CALL: Horensky, yes; Kovacs, yes; Mueller, yes; Strunk, yes; Elbassiouny, yes.

A request has been received from Kathy Kelly for the Township to do some work at the school. de Boer showed the plans to the Committee and said he has concerns about doing the project. This is a big job and they could not possibly do everything. There are drainage issues, curbing, fencing and other things, this is a real big job. He was also concerned about tying up the DPW during the summer. Mueller said it is too big a project at the time required. de Boer said they are also under a time clock. The Mayor said the Township cannot commit and de Boer was to do whatever he feels comfortable in doing.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

A resident was concerned about the cars and trucks speeding up and down Washburn Avenue. The children are playing and people are walking their dogs and it is dangerous. This is a safety issue. The Mayor asked de Boer to meet with Chief Mc Donald to see if they can help with this problem.

Attorney John Charles Allen, said he was present representing Tom and Eve Marks. Tom Marks is an employee of the Township. They were here to speak specifically on whether the hourly rate is going to be reduced for the part time positions that he works for vegetative waste management and recycling Lavery said this would be discussed in Executive Session, this is an attorney/client issue. Lavery cautioned the Committee on commenting on this until after the Executive Session. Allen said, part of the issue is they did not get up and object to two of the ordinances approved this evening, creating new positions, which will require additional salaries. They don't object to the positions, but they find it objectionable the positions are being created, then turning around and reducing Mark's rate to less than he was making 8 years ago. The total reduction on a yearly basis will only save Township \$3000. This does not make sense that this is being done.

George Willan, 32 Falcon Way, asked about the sidewalks at Hawk Pointe. Lavery advised the Township Ordinance overrides the Developers Agreement. He asked the status of transitioning the right-of way. He wanted to know when the on site inspections would be done so the streets and right-of ways can be turned over. Nevitt Duveneck, Township Engineer, said he does not work on projects unless escrow is available. There is negative in escrow to do this, the developer has not put any money into it. He has spoken with Pinnacle, but they were not helpful. There is really nothing he can do at this time. He said there is about \$9000 in the bond. Lavery will review on just what

has been released in the bond. George Willan said a sink hole has opened up on Falcon Way. It was filled about a year ago, but is opening again. de Boer will go down and take pictures of the situation.

Horensky made a motion at 9:37 p.m. to approve Resolution 09-56, Resolution Authorizing Executive Session of the Washington Township Committee for a Meeting Not Open to the Public in Accordance with the Provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act N J S A 10:4-12, at 9:45 p.m., for potential litigation and a flood hazard issue, Strunk seconded. All were in favor.

The doors were opened. Horensky made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 10:37 p.m., Mueller seconded. All were in favor. Lavery said the Committee came out of Executive Session at 10:37 p.m., where they discussed a number of matters, potential litigation matter with Toll brothers and retaining wall, Pinnacle contractual potential litigation, flood hazard issue on Koch property and sink hole issue dealing with Pacesetter Development and Attorney/Client personnel matter dealing with recycling position. No official action was taken. Copies of the minutes will be available at such time the Committee determines it is no harm to public interest. Lavery said no final decision was made on the position yet. de Boer has found some clean communities money which should be able to fund this. Once an official decision is received a letter will be sent on this.

NEW BUSINESS

1. _____ Strunk made a motion to approve the request from Susan Berger to attend a class on N.J. Permits in Clinton on April 21, 2009, Horensky seconded. All were in favor.

2. Strunk asked permission to have information on the New Jersey Property (Senior Freeze) put on the website for the Seniors. The Committee felt this was good information for web site.

3. Horensky made a motion to approve Evan Howell, Tax Collector, attending the Tax Collectors Conference Tuesday May 19 -May 21 in Atlantic City, Strunk seconded. All were in favor.

4. Continued talk on the Broker of Record - Strunk said there had been a lengthy discussion at the last budget meeting on Broker of Record and Risk Manager. He felt it got very confusing and that is why he voted the way he did. He has researched the issues and at the last meeting they did change Broker of Record and relieved Brown and Brown from service. He was not aware that this is what the Township was doing. He knew of no bad performance from Brown and Brown or issues that we would want to change, especially when we are locked in with PAIC for three years. He would be willing to meet with Dietz to discuss alternative insurance. He was under the impression that Dietz was just going to review the insurance and make a recommendation. He asked Lavery to advise how to do a motion making Sharon Cooper, of Brown and Brown, the Broker of Record and the jobs that encompass it. Lavery said this was sufficient information to make motion. Strunk made a motion to approve Resolution 09-56A to make Sharon Cooper, of Brown and Brown, the Broker of Record, and to do all the jobs encompassed in this title, The Mayor said he does not understand why they keep going back and forth on this issue, it has already been done twice. He asked Strunk if he was making this motion for the third time, Strunk said yes. Mueller said he was not sure either what was being done, so he will second the motion. Kovacs said he was the one that had the Broker of Record done at the Reorganization Meeting changed back to Sharon Cooper. Kovacs said when the original change was made he abstained, because there was no problem with the service. Horensky said he was in favor of doing it and felt it was the perception issue. There was no problem at all with the quality of service. Sharon has done a good job for us, but her relationship with all entities through the years is questionable. They may have been the best deal for us, it is just the perception that the person they have as Broker of Record happens to be affiliated with the insurance carrier and the JIF Program. It is the appearance of potential problem. He is trying to avoid that appearance. His position had been the idea of distancing our self from any appearance of the fact that we may not getting the best deal.

Kovacs said the Township is locked in for the next three years with PAIC. We have two years to check into this other person. Strunk said he had no problem with someone else looking into this for a recommendation. In discussions, the person was not to get any pay, but he will be compensated for doing it. This discussion should have been done before the change was done. In August, three years from now, we may change. Strunk asked Lavery to send the resolution to PAIC advising the change of Broker of Record.

The Mayor asked for a vote.

ROLL CALL: Strunk, yes; Mueller, yes; Horensky, no; Kovacs, yes; Elbassiouny, no.

Strunk said he had no problem with his last direction of meeting with Dietz, who would collect no fee. In discussions, this person was not to get any pay, but once researched, the Broker of Records is compensated for doing it. Strunk said he would be willing to meet with anyone and give us a review on insurance. The Mayor and Horensky did not think it was necessary. Strunk made a motion that he be allowed to meet with Dietz on insurance, Kovacs seconded.

ROLL CALL: Strunk, yes; Kovacs, yes. Horensky, no; Mueller, yes; Elbassiouny, no.

Sharon Cooper was in the audience. Kovacs asked her if there were alternatives on insurance that she could bring back with in the future. Cooper said that a letter was sent on October 1, 2008, which was two years and eight months into the last three year commitment with PAIC, which by the way insures 350 municipalities in the state of NJ. A copy of the letter was given to the Committee, which she read, please be reminded that your insurance coverage through PAIC fund will expire on 1/1/09. If you wish to reserve the right to withdraw from fund, the enclosed sample letter must be placed on your letterhead and faxed and mailed to our office no later than 9/1/08. The NJ statute requires that PAIC has your letter in their possession 90 days prior to policy exp date of 1/1/09. The Mayor, Clerk or other rep must sign this letter. You will of course have the option to renew your contraction obligation with PAIC. If you plan to renew through PAIC you do not need to send this letter. If you have an questions, please call our office. The Mayor asked who the letter was addressed to, Cooper said Mary Ann O'Neil. This as sent to her because 5-6 years ago she was directed to deal directly only with O'Neil. The letter had been distributed to Committee at that time. If the letter is not returned, you automatically renew with PAIC for three years. So by the committee not sending a letter, you were saying she should not go out for other insurance quotes, they were satisfied with PAIC. In addition to that, she told Horensky, she does not understand why it would be a conflict of interest. She has no connection with the PAIC Fund, other than she is an agent. Any agent from State of NJ, who has a agents license, can get a quote through PAIC. There is no connection, there is no conflict of interest. Horensky said he was not making any accusations, he was talking of the potential of how it looked.

The Mayor asked, as a Broker of Record, shouldn't it be part of her job when its time for renewal that she come to the Township with recommendations. You put the burden on the customer instead of going out and doing some comparisons to see if we have the best. This is what she should be doing, coming back and advising they are in the best plan, there is a better plan, etc. this is what he expects from his representative and this did not happen. You sent a letter, but did not say, as your Broker I recommend we stay with this same company, etc. You make no such effort for that. Cooper said she took full responsibility for that, the Mayor thanked her for that.

Cooper said if they asked her tonight, if this was August 2, 2008, she would say to them she could get them other quotes, but PAIC insures 350 municipalities in New Jersey and the coverages are broad, premiums are competitive. The Mayor said he is looking for good service and saving money. He wants to be able to have the options of other insurance rates.

Kovacs asked, in the future, will she be able to give them alternatives with insurance? She said they are contractual obligated until 12/31/11, Kovacs asked if she would bring other options to the Committee, she will. She said, in addition, when you get your return of surplus she will be at meeting presenting it.

6. Horensky made a motion to approve payment of half the cost of seminar s that the CFO has attended, Strunk seconded. All were in favor.

7. Strunk made a motion to approve the Relay for Life/Cancer Exhibition at Meadow Breeze Park, Mueller seconded. All were in favor.

OTHER

Horensky made a motion to approve Resolution 09-57 , effective May 4, 2009, establishing a salary and compensation for Assistant Municipal Superintendent of Public Works, Township of Washington, County of Warren, Mueller seconded. It should be noted that Committeeman Kovacs was not present at this time. ROLL CALL: Horensky, yes; Mueller, yes; Strunk, yes; Elbassiouny, yes.

REPORT FROM OFFICIALS

Committeeman Strunk reported that he and the Mayor had met on the health insurance issue.

He went to Warren Hills BOE meeting on March 31, 2009. The will be increasing \$44/\$100,000, which comes to an increase of \$114,000.

He talked with Zoning Officer on sign issues on Route 31. Some businesses may come to the Township Committee with alternatives on the signs.

He e-mailed Clerk and de Boer regarding discussion for use of Park and Recreation Building. He said there had been discussion on the amount of the rider, but the Committee had asked that a letter be sent out to other organizations that use the building on what space they need. He would like to see something put on the web site on this. de Boer said he would take care of this. Strunk said he would really like to have the Seniors using the building. The Mayor said that anybody using the building must realize that any group using the building, it is on a temporary basis.

Committeeman Kovacs said he had attended the Corridor 57 Meeting. There is going to be monies for projects along the corridor. He would like to get some money for the Auto Giro Building and will work on this with de Boer.

The Mayor asked Cooper if there was sinkhole insurance, was there anything to protect the Township: She will check into this and report to the Committee.

Committee Barry Mueller said he attended Warren Morris Council of Government in March . He brought suggestions to de Boer, who will be attending some of these meeting.

Mayor Elbassiouny said he and de Boer met with the County and will be working on a shared service recommendation committee. They set up another meeting with the Freeholders and will be gathering information from municipalities.

Strunk asked the status of the closing on the properties on Asbury Anderson Road. Lavery said the judge has put a freeze on anything being done in that area because of litigation.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Strunk made a motion to approve bills, Mueller seconded.

ROLL CALL: Strunk, yes to the ones he signed; Mueller, yes; Horensky, abstain; Kovacs, yes; Elbassiouny, yes.

There being nothing further to come before the Committee, Horensky made a motion to adjourn at 11:32 p.m., Strunk seconded. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann O'Neil RMC/CMC/MMC
Township Clerk